

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

### Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) A method for preparing a pelletized feedstuff composition, which comprises pelletizing a mixture of animal feed constituents and an enzyme-containing granulate suitable for use in animal feed, the enzyme-containing granulate comprising a mixture of at least one enzyme[~~[[,]]~~] and a solid support suitable for feedstuffs, ~~and water,~~ wherein the solid support is a low-molecular-weight inorganic or organic compound selected from inorganic salts or sugars, wherein the granulate is coated with an organic polymer which is suitable for feedstuffs selected from the group consisting of:

- a) polyalkylene glycols having a number average molecular weight of from 400 to 15,000;
- b) polyalkylene oxide polymers or copolymers having a number average molecular weight of from 4000, to 20,000;
- c) polyvinylpyrrolidone having a number average molecular weight from 7000 to 1,000,000;
- d) vinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate copolymers having a number average molecular weight from 30,000 to 100,000;
- e) polyvinyl alcohol having a number average molecular weight from 20,000 to 100,000;
- f) hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose having a number average molecular weight from 6,000 to 80,000;
- g) alkyl (meth)acrylate polymers and copolymers having a number average of molecular weight from 100,000 to 1,000,000; and
- h) polyvinyl acetate having a number average molecular weight from 250,000 to 700,000

and wherein the granulate has a pelleting stability greater than an uncoated granulate.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the granulate has a mean particle size from 0.4 to 2 mm.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the granulate comprises at least one enzyme selected from the group consisting of oxidoreductases, transferases, lyases, isomerases, ligases, phosphatases and hydrolases.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the hydrolase is a non-starch-polysaccharide-cleaving enzyme.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the phosphatase is phytase.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the granulate comprises from  $1 \times 10^3$  to  $1 \times 10^5$  U of phytase per gram of total weight.

17. (Currently amended) A pelleted feedstuff composition which, comprises at least one enzyme-containing granulate suitable for use in animal feed, wherein said granulate comprises a mixture of at least one enzyme[.]] and a solid support suitable for feedstuffs, and water, wherein the solid support is a low-molecular-weight inorganic or organic compound selected from inorganic salts or sugars, wherein the enzyme-containing granulate is coated with an organic polymer which is suitable for feedstuffs and selected from the group consisting of:

- a) polyalkylene glycols having a number average molecular weight from 400 to 15,000;
- b) polyalkylene oxide polymers or copolymers having a number average molecular weight from 4000 to 20,000;
- c) polyvinylpyrrolidone having a number average molecular weight from 7000 to 1,000,000;
- d) vinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate copolymers having a number average molecular weight from 30,000 to 100,000;
- e) polyvinyl alcohol having a number average molecular weight from 20,000 to 100,000;
- f) hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose having a number average molecular weight from

6000 to 80,000;

- g) alkyl (meth)acrylate polymers and copolymers having a number average molecular weight from 100,000 to 1,000,000; and
- h) polyvinyl acetate having a number average molecular weight from 250,000 to 700,000,

and wherein the granulate has a pelleting stability greater than an uncoated granulate.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously presented) The process of claim 11, wherein the organic polymer coating does not melt during pelletizing.

20. (Previously presented) The process of claim 11, wherein the organic polymer is filler-free.

21. (Previously presented) The process of claim 11, wherein the coating takes place at from about 35 to 50°C.

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the coating is applied in a proportion of about 3 to 25% by weight of the total weight of the granulate.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously presented) A pelletized feedstuff composition obtained by the process of claim 11.

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the mixture further comprises at least one additive.

28. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 17, wherein the mixture further comprises at least one additive.

29. (Previously presented) The process of claim 11, wherein during the pelletizing temperatures in the range from about 60 to 100° C can be reached.

30. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the solid support is a low-molecular weight inorganic or organic compound selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride, calcium carbonate, sodium sulphate, magnesium sulphate, glucose, fructose, and sucrose.

31. (New) The composition of claim 17, wherein the solid support is a low-molecular weight inorganic or organic compound selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride, calcium carbonate, sodium sulphate, magnesium sulphate, glucose, fructose, and sucrose.